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PATENT APPLICATION

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Appln. No.: 10/698,490 Examiner: G.
Spisich

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For: EXTENDABLE AND CONTRACTABLE STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 13, 2006,
please amend the above-identified patent application as
indicated below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.